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Israel Grain and Feed Wheat Production Update 2008

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Report Highlights:

In crop year 2007/08, wheat production in Israel is forecast at 60,000 tons, a 59 percent decrease compared to the previous year. The decreased harvest was a result of the drought conditions in the Negev region, which is the largest wheat growing area in the country.

Includes PSD Changes: Yes Includes Trade Matrix: No Annual Report Tel Aviv [IS1] Israel has been experienced a severe drought conditions in the southern parts of the country during March and April 2008. As a result, wheat production is expected to drop by 59 percent compared to previous year, to the lowest level in the past eight years.

Due to the "sabbatical" year in Israel, all local wheat will be for animal feed.

PS&D TABLE ISRAEL WHEAT										
	2006	Revised		2007	Estimate		2008	Forecast		UOM
	USDA Official	Post Estimate	Post Estimate New		Post Estimate	Post Estimate New	USDA Official	Post Estimate	Post Estimate New	
Market Year Begin		07/2006	07/2006		07/2007	07/2007		07/2008	07/2008	MM/YYYY
Area Harvested	67	67	67	67	67	26	55	67	69	(1000 HA)
Beginning Stocks	204	250	250	182	110	110	157	160	140	(1000 MT)
Production	145	145	145	150	150	60	75	180	160	(1000 MT)
MY Imports	1458	1248	1248	1100	1500	1530	1500	1490	1490	(1000 MT)
TY Imports	1458	1248	1248	1100	1500	1530	1500	1490	1490	(1000 MT)
TY Imports from U.S.	156	152	152	0	220	0	0	250	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	1807	1643	1643	1432	1760	1700	1732	1830	1790	(1000 MT)
MY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Feed Consumption	700	700	700	350	720	710	645	750	750	(1000 MT)
FSI Consumption	925	833	833	925	880	850	900	900	890	(1000 MT)
Total Consumption	1625	1533	1533	1275	1600	1560	1545	1650	1640	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	182	110	110	157	160	140	187	180	150	(1000 MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1807	1643	1643	1432	1760	1700	1732	1830	1790	(1000 MT)
Yield	2.16419	2.164179	2.164179	2.23886	2.238806	2.307692	1.36366	2.686567	2.318841	(MT/HA)